Subject: RE: Bioenergy Devco, LLC, Facility Permit Application

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Good morning,

Please see Division of Fish and Wildlife comments below regarding the Bioenergy Devco, LLC, Facility Permit Application.

Key Wildlife Habitat

The early successional forest habitat located directly adjacent to the project site is mapped as Key Wildlife Habitat (KWH) in the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan (DEWAP) because it is rare within the state and has the potential to harbor the state-endangered cornsnake (*Pantherophis guttatus*). KWH can support a full array of species across the landscape; therefore, impacts to KWH should be minimized to the greatest extent practicable. Although designation as KWH is non-regulatory, these maps are intended to help guide site-specific conservation planning efforts.

If the project footprint is expanded into the forested area, we recommend that a herpetological survey be conducted prior to any forest disturbance. If the disturbance of this forested area is necessary to complete the proposed project, please contact our state herpetologist, Nate Nazdrowicz, at Nate.Nazdrowicz@delaware.gov or at (302) 735-8688 to schedule a survey.

The DEWAP is a comprehensive strategy for conserving the full array of native wildlife and habitats, common and uncommon, as vital components of the state's natural resources. This document can be viewed via the <u>Division of Fish and Wildlife's website</u>.

Thank you,



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